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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

**RE: Application Regarding the Acquisition of Progress Energy, Inc. by
Duke Energy Corporation and Merger of Progress Energy Carolinas,
Inc. and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
PSC Docket No. 2011-158-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to Order No. 2012-517 Approving Joint Dispatch Agreement and Regulatory Condition Number 8.9, please find attached Duke Energy Corporation's ("Duke Energy") annual Report of Investments in Exempt Wholesale and Generators and Foreign Utility Companies for the prior calendar year reporting period, for filing in connection with the above-referenced matter.

The attached report contains, confidential, proprietary and sensitive information that, if disclosed, could harm Duke Energy's investment and business interests in the competitive market. We respectfully request that the Commission grant our request for confidential treatment pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(2). A copy of the confidential report is being served on the Office of Regulatory Staff, and notice of the filing is hereby made on other interested parties.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Dulin", written in a cursive style.

Rebecca J. Dulin

Enclosure
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cc: Ms. Dawn Hipp, Office of Regulatory Staff
Mr. Jeffrey M. Nelson, Office of Regulatory Staff
Ms. Shannon Bowyer Hudson, Office of Regulatory Staff
Ms. Nanette Edwards, Office of Regulatory Staff

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2011-158-E**

In Re:)
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of Progress Energy, Incorporated by)
Duke Energy Corporation and Merger)
Of Progress Energy Carolinas,)
Incorporated and Duke Energy)
Carolinas, LLC)
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**INVESTMENT IN EXEMPT WHOLESALE
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